

A2 4. (ONCE AMENDED) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first lens is formed of glass or plastic.

A3 7. (ONCE AMENDED) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein second and third lenses of the three lenses have a positive power and the first lens is disposed between the second and third lenses.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein second and third lenses of the three lenses have a positive power and the first lens is disposed between the second and third lenses.

A4 21. (ONCE AMENDED) The optical pickup as claimed in claim 17, wherein second and third lenses of the three lenses have a positive power and the first lens is disposed between the second and third lenses.

A5 23. (ONCE AMENDED) The optical pickup as claimed in claim 19, wherein second and third lenses of the three lenses have a positive power and the first lens is disposed between the second and third lenses.

36. (ONCE AMENDED) An optical pickup for recording information to and/or reproducing information from a recording medium, the optical pickup comprising:

a light source which emits light;

a photodetector; and

A6 an optical system which communicates the emitted light to the recording medium and communicates light reflected by the recording medium to the photodetector, the optical system comprising:

an objective lens device which forms the emitted light into a light spot on the recording medium, the objective lens device comprising first, second and third lenses, wherein:

the first lens has a negative power and is formed of a material having an Abbe number which is 45 or less in line d,

the second and third lenses have a positive power,

one of the second and third lenses is aspherical, and

the first lens is disposed between the second and third lenses on an optical path